

# SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 13, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

## AS WE GATHER

The Christian life is not without its trials and troubles. Some of them are caused by the fact that we belong to the Lord in a world still unfriendly to His purpose. Yet the Christian life is not without joy. This joy proceeds not from an easy life or a life that fulfills all our wants and desires but rather flows from Christ, from His work of reconciliation, for His forgiveness of all our sins, and from our reconciliation with the Father. Hearing this Gospel every Sunday is meant in part to rescue our hearts from anxiety and despair and restore to us the joy of our salvation. Today we pray that we not only recall this cause for joy but preserve this joy no matter what twists and turns life brings us.

## PRELUDE “Light of the World” -Michael Card

## HYMN “In Christ There Is No East or West” *LSB* 653

1 In Christ there is no east or west,

In Him no south or north,

But one great fellowship of love

Throughout the whole wide earth.

2 With God there is no tribe or race;

In Him we all are one.

He loves us as His children through

Our faith in His dear Son.

3 So, brothers, sisters, praise His name

Who died to set us free

From sin, division, hate, and shame,

From spite and enmity!

4 Join hands, disciples of the faith,

Whate'er your race may be;

Who serves my Father as His child

Is surely kin to me.

5 In Christ now meet both east and west;

In Him meet south and north.

All Christian souls are one in Him

Throughout the whole wide earth.

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## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 51:1–2*

Pastor: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

**People: and cleanse me from my sin!**

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;

**People: according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection.*

Pastor: Merciful Father,

**People: we beg You, O Lord, to have mercy upon us sinners. Though we deserve nothing of Your kindness, deliver us according to the mercy You have promised in Your Son, Jesus Christ, and restore us as Your own sons and daughters. Forgive us all our sins, create in us new and contrite hearts, and instill in us the will and desire for all that is good and right and true. Make us to know Your will and grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: Amen.**

**INTROIT** *Psalm 51:2–6; antiphon: v. 1*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

### **LITANY OF REPENTANCE**

Pastor: O Lord, who came to call sinners to repentance,

**People: call them still that they may yet answer.**

Pastor: Lord, who met the hardness of the thief,

**People: soften the hearts of all who are impenitent.**

Pastor: You who did restore the woman caught in sin,

**People: restore all those who have fallen away from You.**

Pastor: You who spoke words of spirit and life,

**People: enlighten the ignorant and teach them Your way.**

Pastor: Dispel the darkness of prejudice and correct all error;

**People: establish Your people in the truth of Your Gospel.**

Pastor: You who proclaimed deliverance to the captives,

**People: release the prisoners from the bonds of their sins.**

Pastor: You who made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak,

**People: open deaf ears to the voice of Your Word and loosen our tongues to confess.**

Pastor: You who raised the dead to life,

**People: quicken our souls by Your Holy Spirit to lives of faith and righteousness.**

Pastor: You who came to save Your people from their sins,

**People: save us, O Lord, who put our trust in You.**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People: Save us, O Lord, for the sake of Your name. Amen.**

## **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The readings for this Sunday in Lent fill us with a cause for joy. From the prophet Isaiah comes the song of joy in the God who has become our Savior. In the Epistle, we are reminded that in Christ we are a whole new creation. In the familiar parable of the prodigal son, we see the mercy of God that welcomes His wandering children back, forgives them of their sins, and restores them to be His own children again.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Isaiah 12:1–6* (Surely God is my Savior.) You will say in that day: “I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.” With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM** *Psalms 32*

Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessèd is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you. Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

**EPISTLE 2** *Corinthians 5:16–21* (If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.) From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE** *Luke 15:22a, 24a*

Pastor: The father said to his servants, “This my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.”

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32* (My son was dead and now he is alive again.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: . . . “There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate. Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “The Church’s One Foundation” *LSB 644*

1       The Church’s one foundation  
      Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
      By water and the Word.  
From heav’n He came and sought her  
      To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her,  
      And for her life He died.

2       Elect from ev’ry nation,  
      Yet one o’er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation:

One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses  
With ev'ry grace endued.

3        Though with a scornful wonder  
      The world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping;  
      Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
      Shall be the morn of song.

4        Through toil and tribulation  
      And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation  
      Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious  
      Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
      Shall be the Church at rest.

5        Yet she on earth has union  
      With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
      With those whose rest is won.  
O blessèd heav'nly chorus!  
      Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us,  
      May see You face to face.  
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## **SERMON**

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **OFFERING** "Softly and Tenderly" -Paul and Betsy Hanson

*We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you leave the sanctuary.*

*For meditation, from Luther's Small Catechism, The Lord's Prayer:*

*The Sixth Petition: "And lead us not into temptation." What does this mean? God indeed tempts no one; but we pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us, so that the devil, the world, and our flesh may not deceive us nor seduce us into misbelief, despair, and other great shame and vice; and though we be assailed by them, that still we may finally overcome and obtain the victory.*

**PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS**

Holy holy holy Lord

God of power and might

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he who comes

In the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest

Hosanna in the highest

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: From the rebellion of Adam to the fulfillment of Your promise in the gift of Your own Son to be our Savior and Redeemer, You have shown forth Your forbearance and Your mercy. We give You thanks that You have so graciously shown to us a Father's heart, restoring us as Your children through the suffering, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and restoring to our hearts the holy joy of Your presence. Living as Your own children by Baptism and faith, and acknowledging Your undeserved kindness to us sinners, we gather here in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and at His bidding, to receive the fruits of His redeeming work in this Holy Supper.

**WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST** *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI**

Lamb of God you take away

All the sin of the world

Oh Lamb of God have mercy on us

And grant to us your peace

*You are invited to receive the Lord's Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS** "Just as I Am, without One Plea" *LSB 570*

1 Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2 Just as I am and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3 Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many\_a conflict, many\_a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown  
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
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“God Loved the World So That He Gave” *LSB 571*

1 God loved the world so that He gave  
His only Son the lost to save,  
That all who would in Him believe  
Should everlasting life receive.

2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,  
Who was made flesh and suffered death;  
All then who trust in Him alone  
Are built on this chief cornerstone.

3 God would not have the sinner die;  
His Son with saving grace is nigh;  
His Spirit in the Word declares  
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.

4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son  
Forgives all sins which you have done;  
And, justified by Jesus' blood,  
Your Baptism grants the highest good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,  
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;  
That is the firmest ground of faith.

△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To You, O blessèd Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!  
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### **BLESSING**

Pastor: May our Lord's body and blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to life everlasting. Depart in peace and with joy.

**People: Amen.**

### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray. God of love, through Your Son You have restored us to You as Your own sons and daughters, forgiven all our sins, and delivered us to everlasting life. By the guidance of Your Word and Spirit, keep us in this holy faith that our hearts may rest in Your peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, one Lord, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**



## **DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

## **HYMN** “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” *LSB 643*

1 Sent forth by God’s blessing,

Our true faith confessing,

The people of God from His dwelling take leave.

The Supper is ended.

O now be extended

The fruits of this service in all who believe.

The seed of His teaching,

Receptive souls reaching,

Shall blossom in action for God and for all.

His grace did invite us,

His love shall unite us

To work for God’s kingdom and answer His call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving

To God ever-living,

The tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face.

Our faith ever sharing,

In love ever caring,

Embracing His children of each tribe and race.

With Your feast You feed us,

With Your light now lead us;

Unite us as one in this life that we share.

Then may all the living

With praise and thanksgiving

Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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## **POSTLUDE** “Shout to the Lord”

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GENEROSITY THOUGHTS:** *Philippians 3:19* – “*Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.*” St. Paul does not want us to set our minds on earthly things, for they are passing away. This is similar, to what Jesus says about storing up treasures on earth rather than storing them in heaven. Our heart tends to go where we put our treasure. This is why God commands us to live generously. It is not to spoil our fun but to help train us in keeping our priorities straight and our minds off earthly things.

**MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES:** Join us on Wednesdays through April 6 at 11:30 a.m. We will not be having luncheons this year. An evening service will be held at 7:00 at Bethel Lutheran Church (670 Wheelock Pkwy W, St. Paul).

**EASTER LILIES:** Look for the Easter Memorial Garden donation slips in next Sunday's bulletin giving you the opportunity to contribute in memory of departed loved ones.

**EMMAUS GENERATIONS** will meet again on Tuesday, March 22 at 11:30 a.m. The theme will be "Foods of the Bible." Please join us for food and fellowship!

**SUMMER NANNY NEEDED:** One of our neighbor families is looking for a part-time summer nanny for their children, who are 3 and 5 years old. For more information, please check out the bulletin board by the office.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with the funeral for Mabel, and thank you for your prayers and support.  
-Nancy H.

**MAIL, MUFFINS, FUN & FELLOWSHIP:** Members of *all* ages, join us the morning of Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. in Social Hall to write personalized Easter greetings to be mailed to all members and friends of our congregation. Cards (with original artwork by fellow congregant Bea H.), supplies, and stamps will be provided. Come prepared to write a note or draw a picture. Many hands make light work, and what a blessing to gather together again! Sweet and savory muffins will be served along with juice and coffee. Supplies and treats will be provided through a Thrivent grant and free-will offering. See you there!

**JEENA'S BUSINESS** is now open! You can visit Namaste Brows & Boutique at 1718B Lexington Ave N in Roseville. Brochures are available in the office. [www.namastebrowsandboutique.com](http://www.namastebrowsandboutique.com)

**FEDERWITZ FAMILY:** The Federwitz family is moving back to the USA this June. With that comes the expense of shipping their belongings. In June Jonathan will take a new assignment at the Jaars mission aviation headquarters in Waxhaw, NC. Wycliffe Bible Translators has established a special launch expense account that can be used to help meet the financial needs associated with shipping things from PNG to the USA, purchasing a vehicle, and setting up a home. The budget set for this account is \$25,000. If you would like to give to the special launch expense account, please send your gift to Wycliffe Bible Translators, P.O. Box 628200, Orlando, FL 32862 and include a separate note stating "Preference for the Launch Expense Account of Jonathan & Carrie Federwitz # 359951 - LE." (Note: Gifts for the launch expense account should go to Wycliffe, not to LBT.) You can also give to the launch expense account online: [www.wycliffe.org/partner/jcfederwitz](http://www.wycliffe.org/partner/jcfederwitz). On the page that opens, find the drop-down box that says "Wycliffe Ministry Budget" and change it to "Launch Expense Account." Then enter an amount and click "Give." The launch expense account will be open through June. Please contact Jonathan if you would like more details. [Jonathan\\_Federwitz@wycliffe.org](mailto:Jonathan_Federwitz@wycliffe.org)

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